IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A ~~The~~ CO oxidation catalyst comprising ruthenium with an alkali metal and/or an alkaline earth metal held on a carrier of titania and alumina, wherein the weight ratio of titania to alumina falls between 0.1/99.9 and 90/10, and the amount of ruthenium falls between 0.05 and 10% by weight of the carrier.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The CO oxidation catalyst as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 3, containing an alkali metal wherein the alkali metal is at least one selected from the group consisting of potassium, cesium, rubidium, sodium and lithium.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The CO oxidation catalyst as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 3 or 4 containing an alkali earth metal, wherein the alkaline earth metal is at least one selected from the group consisting of barium, calcium, magnesium and strontium.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for producing a CO oxidation catalyst ~~of~~ comprising ruthenium with an alkali metal and/or an alkaline earth metal held on a carrier of titania and alumina, wherein the amount of ruthenium falls between 0.05 and 10% by weight of the carrier, which comprises applying a solution of ruthenium and a solution of an alkali metal and/or an alkaline earth metal to the carrier.

Claim 7 (original): The method for producing a CO oxidation catalyst as claimed in claim 6, wherein a mixed solution of ruthenium and an alkali metal and/or an alkaline earth metal is applied to the carrier.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for producing a CO-reduced, hydrogen-containing gas, which comprises selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in a gas of essentially hydrogen, with oxygen in the presence of the catalyst of claim 3 ~~1~~.

Claim 9 (original): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim 8, wherein the gas of essentially hydrogen is obtained by reforming or partially oxidizing a hydrogen-producing starting material.

Claim 10 (previously amended): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hydrogen-containing gas produced is for fuel cells.

Claims 11-13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method for producing a CO-reduced, hydrogen-containing gas, which comprises selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in a gas of essentially hydrogen, with oxygen in the presence of the catalyst of claim ~~2~~ 4.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~A~~ method for producing a CO-reduced, hydrogen-containing gas, which comprises selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in a gas of essentially hydrogen, with oxygen in the presence of the catalyst of claim ~~6~~ 5.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim ~~14~~ 3, wherein the gas of essentially hydrogen is obtained by reforming or partially oxidizing a hydrogen-producing starting material.

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Claim 17 (currently amended): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 20, wherein the gas of essentially hydrogen is obtained by reforming or partially oxidizing a hydrogen-producing starting material.

Claim 18 (previously added): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim 14, wherein the hydrogen-containing gas produced is for fuel cells.

Claim 19 (previously added): The method for producing a hydrogen-containing gas as claimed in claim 15, wherein the hydrogen-containing gas produced is for fuel cells.

Claim 20 (new): A method for producing a CO-reduced, hydrogen-containing gas, which comprises selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in a gas of essentially hydrogen, with oxygen in the presence of the catalyst produced in the process of claim 6.

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Claim 21 (new): A method for producing a CO-reduced, hydrogen-containing gas, which comprises selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in a gas of essentially hydrogen, with oxygen in the presence of the catalyst produced in the process of claim 7.